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In re Application of: Thornton et al.

For: NEAR-FIELD OPTICAL HEAD SYSTEM WITH INTEGRATED SLIDER
AND LASER

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated June 12, 2002, a response to the election/restriction is as follows.

Applicants respectfully elect the embodiment of the optical head that is contained in Species A, which is drawn to Figures 1-4G. Applicants respectfully elect the embodiment of the near field apparatus contained in Species A, which is drawn to Figure 10.

Applicants withdraw the other species, optical head species B-F and near-field apparatus species B-E, from prosecution without prejudice.